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FOREIGN AND INSULAR.

BARBADOS.

Report from Bridgetown—Inspection and fumigation of vessels—Sanitary conditions.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Urquhart reports, October 31:

Week ended October 31. Eleven vessels were inspected, of which 2 were fumigated. Number of passengers inspected 188; members of crews 489. The sanitary condition of this port remains good, no quarantinable diseases having been reported for the port or island for the week.

BELGIUM.

Report from Antwerp—Measures to prevent propagation of cholera by Russian emigrants in transit to the United States.

The following is received from Consul-General Dietrich, under date of October 20:

Every precaution is being taken by the authorities in Belgium to prevent the propagation of cholera by Russian emigrants passing through this seaport on their way to the United States. The Russian Government is obliged, by special agreement made in recent years, to continuously report to the German authorities whenever and wherever there is an outbreak of cholera within its territory. The officials of the German Government and the Prussian railways provide for measures of the utmost vigilance on the Russian border and for careful inspection of every emigrant on his way to a continental seaport.

On arriving at Antwerp all Russian emigrants are at present detained for five days. Before they are allowed to enter the city and repair to their lodging houses they are scrupulously examined by physicians appointed by the Belgian Government. When the five days of quarantine are over, the Russian emigrants are again inspected with the other steerage passengers and then allowed to go on board the steamship.

BRAZIL.

Reports from Rio de Janeiro—Inspection of vessel—Mortality—Plague and smallpox—Summary of smallpox, January 1–October 11—Plague in State of Maranhao.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Stewart reports, October 9, 16, and 21:

Week ended October 4. Vessels inspected and received bills of health: September 26 the British steamship *Norman Prince*, for New York, in cargo of coffee, no passengers, and no change in the personnel of the crew; September 30 the British steamship *Kirkby*, for Port Tampa, Fla., in water ballast, with no passengers and no change in the crew personnel; September 29 the British steamship *Toftwood* for New